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90th SVS Commander thanks Warren for its support

Lt. Col. Stephen Thompson
90th Services Squadron Commander

As Warren brings another successful club membership drive to a close, I want to take this opportunity on behalf of everyone in the 90th Services Squadron to congratulate, welcome and thank all of our new club members who have joined over the last three months. To celebrate our success, the club threw a blow out party and conducted drawings, giving away more than \$1,850 in cash prizes and incentives to a few lucky members.

The membership drive brought in 89 new members reaching 119 percent of the stated goal of 75. For every new member added during the drive, Chase Bank will pay \$25 to our Non-Appropriated Fund accounts. These funds will help sustain the club as well as other services venues around the base. In return, new club members will receive discounted prices and save 20 percent, on average, on various catered and food services at the club.

To keep all informed, I want to take this opportunity to fill everyone in on some exciting new changes about to take place at the club. Starting on Jan. 8, 2006, the club will shut down so we can install our long awaited new carpet. We will also add new wall coverings to the ballroom and paint both the O-Lounge and E-Lounge. The final touches will include some new furniture, pictures and décor. As usual, our staff continues to work hard to provide the very best service around town. Early in November, the Trail's End Club congratulated one of our very own chefs, Michael Peterson, who entered the One Hundred Gentlemen Chef Competition in Denver and took fifth place out of 105 competitors. This is a great example of the caliber of our professionals working on the Trail's End staff.

Our members are working hard and winning club competitions too. The day

after Thanksgiving, I had the pleasure of awarding Senior Master Sgt. Brian Nicholson's step-daughter, Katie Peters, a \$3,000 club scholarship for winning the Air Force Club Membership Scholarship essay competition. She wrote an outstanding essay and took home fifth place out of 195 applicants Air Force-wide. And last but not least, I want to congratulate the Trail's End staff for winning the Best Combined/Consolidated Club in Air Force Space Command for 2005. They've worked hard this year raising standards everyday and definitely deserve this honor based on their fantastic performance.

As with any such honor comes even more responsibility to continue to stay focused on the reason the club and the 90th SVS exists--our customers. Our motto is "outstanding customer service, every contact, every action," and we strive to live up to that motto every day in services. I invite all of our club members and customers to pass on suggestions directly to me or any of my staff. We want to continue to live up to the 90th Mission Support Group motto to "up our standards" everyday in our quest to be the very best service organization in the Air Force.

Man on the street

The Warren Sentinel asked Warren members, "What has been your personal highlight of 2005?"



"My daughter was born Aug. 25. She is my first child."

-Airman 1st Class Alan Drake, 90th Civil Engineer Squadron



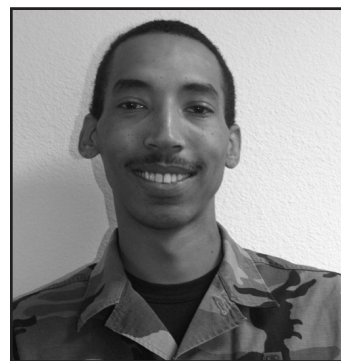
"Exploring the mountains and snowboarding."

- Airman Julie Burnham, 90th Medical Operations Squadron



"Graduating tech. school and becoming a cop. I got the job I wanted."

-Airman 1st Class Andre Hernandez, 90th Security Forces Squadron



"My first son was born on Oct. 30."

- Airman 1st Class Eric Mason, 90th Medical Operations Squadron

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AFSPC Commander sends holiday greetings

General Lance W. Lord
Commander, Air Force Space Command

During this special holiday season, Beccy and I offer our heartfelt thanks to you--our Air Force Space Command family. Whether active-duty, guard, reserve, civilian or contractor, we are grateful for your extraordinary commitment to defend the United States and protect the freedoms every American enjoys. Our families are a vital part of this commitment, which is why we are forever thankful for their contributions and sacrifices.

It has been an exciting and challenging year. We've proven

During this holiday season, it is important that we all take the opportunity to spend some quality time with our families and friends to celebrate, reflect and refocus.

General Lance W. Lord
Commander, Air Force Space Command

space is important to the warfighter and to the global economy. Both friends and foes recognize space is fundamental to the way the United States conducts military operations and our economic well-being. Our duty is to continue developing, fielding and operating

our space and missile capabilities as an integral part of our nation's success.

Remember, your dedication and expertise are critical to maintaining our role as the best space and missile force the world has ever known. During this holi-

day season, it is important that we all take the opportunity to spend some quality time with our families and friends to celebrate, reflect and refocus.

As always, many of our U.S. and allied servicemen and women are deployed around the world and will spend the holidays away from their families. We ask you to keep these military members and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they secure the rights of liberty and freedom for all of us.

Beccy and I wish you a joyous holiday season and a safe, prosperous New Year. We are proud to serve with each and every one of you.

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Preparing future Air Force generations

Twentieth Air Force major helps kids through Civil Air Patrol

**Airman 1st Class
Brandy Holcepl**
90th Space Wing Public Affairs

There are a lot of programs that help children and young adults learn the importance of volunteering, responsibility and hard work. But there is one program that teaches children and young adults discipline and respect, along with the other admirable qualities.

The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program is a humanitarian and educational nonprofit organization which serves thousands of communities across America.

CAP has been providing a program full of exciting and challenging opportunities for young adults ages 12 to 21 for more than 50 years, according to Maj. Eric Davis, 20th Air Force Director of Safety and Nuclear Surety and Director of cadet programs for Wyoming.

This Air Force program teaches cadets military customs and courtesies, leadership and how to properly wear the uniform.

"The program isn't as intense as Basic (Military Training), you don't have people yelling at you and treating you like a child," said Major Davis. He said that the program has more of a technical school atmosphere.

Cadets learn several skills through

local activities such as survival training, search and rescue, disaster relief, first aid, CPR and many others.

"The most intense training has been the ground search and rescue because we hold weekend exercises in the hills west of Cheyenne and train for two days. It took me approximately two years to receive my ground team member certification. I am now on a statewide list of responders that can be called out in the event of an airplane crash," said Cadet Kelsey Aitchison, five-year member of CAP, who holds the honorary rank of cadet lieutenant colonel.

Cadets help with search and rescue more than people know, said Major Davis. "It's one of the Air Force's best kept secrets."

Cadet activities are usually held once a week during the weekends and cadets are required to wear the military uniform with rank.

"The rank is honorary. I got to cadet first lieutenant when I was a cadet," said Major Davis.

"I spend about 75 percent of my free time working with the Civil Air Patrol program," he said. He enjoys seeing young people getting to the point where they understand what they are working on.

This is a good opportunity for both the cadets and the adults. Guiding the



Courtesy photo

Maj. Eric Davis places rank on Cadet Dylan Richardson during a Civil Air Patrol function. The CAP is a humanitarian and educational program for students ages 12 to 21. Major Davis, 20th Air Force Director of Safety and Nuclear Surety, is the Wyoming CAP Director.

cadets is a lot of fun, said Major Davis. "I owe a lot of my success to CAP."

"I believe in this program so much, and I would like as many people as possible to know about the program so more people will join," said Cadet

Aitchison. "Joining has been one of the best decisions I have ever made in my life!"

For more information about the CAP, contact Major Davis at 433-8720 or via e-mail at seminole89@bresnan.net.

TAP: On track to help Airmen transition

**Airman 1st Class
Brandy Holcepl**
*90th Space Wing
Public Affairs*

Everyone in the military will either separate or retire from the service and have to transition back into the civilian world. To help with this process, Warren offers a Transition Assistance Program through the Family Support Center.

TAP helps active duty, Guard and Reserve members and their families transition back into civilian life by offering classes to help members find jobs, write resumes, write cover letters and develop interviewing skills.

"There is a bylaw man-

dated pre-separation briefing that everyone must attend before separating," said John Karabetsos, FSC Community Readiness Consultant.

The briefing needs to be completed at least 90 days before members separation date, he said. However, Mr. Karabetsos and the other FSC CRCs encourage members to attend the briefing at least one year before separation and two years before retirement.

The briefing includes information about transition assistance workshops and seminars, benefits and contact information for classes and employment. The FSC also gives military members a checklist of things to com-

plete before separating or retiring.

One of the more encouraged workshops is the three-day transition workshop, which teaches members how their skills can be used in the civilian world, how to job search on the internet, write resumes and cover letters, how to improve interviewing skills and how to handle salary negotiations.

"The workshop is not mandatory, but is encouraged," said Jody Clark, CRC.

Mr. Karabetsos expressed that he would like to see more support from supervisors so that first-term Airmen can come to the workshop.

"The course doesn't change much from month to month," said Mr. Karabetsos. Mem-

bers don't have to go to all three days at once; they can split it up if they would like to and go one day a month.

The three-day workshop is not the only thing transition assistance offers. They also offer an interests inventory test through a Web-based program called Discover.

The program has the member answer questions about their interests and values then shows them what professions would be well suited for them based on their answers, said Mrs. Clark.

This helps the Airmen who don't know what they want to do in the civilian world, said Mr. Karabetsos.

The TAP office has five computers that members

can use to search for jobs, create resumes and cover letters, and use the Discover program. Members do not have to call ahead to use the computers; they are open to members and their families anytime during normal duty hours.

The office also carries schedules for workshops and classes as well as pamphlets and magazines to help guide members in the right direction.

"If we can't help them, we can put them in contact with the people who can," said Mr. Karabetsos.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Mary Brown at 773-5941 or Mrs. Clark at 773-5942.

Briefs

Commander's call

Col. Michael Carey, 90th Space Wing Commander, is scheduled to host three quarterly commander's calls at the base theater during the following times: 1 p.m. Monday, 3 p.m. Tuesday, and 11 a.m. Thursday. Maximum participation is expected. For more information, call Maj. Adam Curtis at 773-4552.

Memorial service

A memorial service will be held today at 3 p.m. for Justin Booms, son of Airman 1st Class Bradley and Lisa Booms, at the High Plains Chapel. All who wish to attend are welcome.

Gate guards

Warren security forces are working diligently to make sure the gate guard transition is seamless. However, should someone have a comment or issue, they can call the security forces quality assurance person at 631-7082.

90th MDG closure

The 90th Medical Group will be closed on Dec. 23, 26 and 30, and Jan. 2 for the holidays. Call in for any prescription refills by noon on Dec. 21. They will be ready to be picked up on Dec. 22.

As usual, a provider will be on call to discuss urgent medical concerns. To request a referral for urgent care, which cannot wait until the next duty day, call 773-3461.

Flu vaccine

The Warren Immunization Clinic is scheduled to conduct mass vaccinations from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the base theater on Thursday; and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday and Dec. 17 at the base exchange. The vaccine is available for all active duty members, dependents and retirees. Individuals may also stop by the clinic from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during normal duty days. For more information, contact public health at 773-3040.

WSC party

The Warren Spouses' Club is scheduled to have a holiday party from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 20 at the base lake pavilion. RSVP by Tuesday to Kim Phillips at 638-4665. The cost is \$5.

3 ... 2 ... 1 ... Cookie Launch

2nd Lt. Josh Edwards
90th Space Wing Public Affairs

As the holiday season descends upon us, Warren's spouses have thought of an event for bringing a little bit of home to the base's dormitory Airmen.

The Great F. E. Warren Cookie Launch is a way the Warren community can show our Airmen hospitality and holiday cheer, just by baking some cookies for them.

The main portion of the Cookie Launch, in which cookies and other goodies will be collected and packaged for our Airmen, will take place Monday from 6:30 a.m. until noon at the Trail's End Club.

The event is the first base-wide event of its kind, but squadrons have had similar events like it in the past, said Melody Carey, wife of Col. Michael Carey, 90th Space Wing Commander. Spouses of senior leadership, to include group commanders and deputy commanders, approached her about the idea of turning this into a base-wide event.

"Other missile bases have done this successfully, and that's where some of these ladies had experienced it and suggested to me how to go about doing it," said Mrs. Carey.

There are approximately 650 Airmen who live in the dormitories, said Mrs. Carey. One goal of the event is to be able to give each Airman about a dozen homemade cookies to enjoy.

"We have a lot of wonderful support from the Cheyenne civilian community helping us on this," said Mrs. Carey. Irene Johnigan, president of the Cowboy Chapter of the Air Force Association, has solicited help from local businesses

The Great
F. E. Warren
**COOKIE
LAUNCH**



Let's bring a little bit of "home" to our 650-plus dormitory Airmen this holiday season!

Please support this base-wide effort by bringing homemade cookies to the

Trail's End Club, Monday, Dec. 12, 6:30 a.m. to noon.

(Santa's helpers will be standing by for curbside drop-off at the main circle drive entrance.)

Anyone who would like to join the fun in assembling goodie bags is welcome to help!

For additional information call 634-6607.
MONDAY, DEC. 12 FROM 6:30 a.m. UNTIL NOON

Graphic by Matt Cox

and organizations. With that help, several thousand cookies will be donated for the event.

It will still take a substantial contribution from the Warren community to make this morale-boosting event a success. About 8,000 cookies would be needed for each dormitory Airman to receive a dozen cookies.

After the cookies are received

and packaged on Monday, the First Sergeant's Council, led by Master Sgt. Gerald Dickson, 90th Communications Squadron, will take the goodie bags to the dormitories and distribute them to each room with the help of the dormitory managers.

"The First Sergeant's Council is the logistics behind the event," said Chief Master Sgt. James Wood, 90th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant.

"We just want to bring a little bit of home to our Airmen," said Mrs. Carey. "The holidays are especially hard when you are away from family, and not all of our Airmen can go home. It's just one way to make them feel like somebody cares about them and make their holidays a little bit nicer."

Warren members can help in two ways: Bake and drop-off cookies at the Trail's End Club Monday between 6:30 a.m. and noon, or come to the club and help package cookies. Warren is looking for an on-target launch! For more information call 634-6607.



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To help with The Great F. E. Warren Cookie Launch, bring cookies to the Trail's End Club between 6:30 a.m. to noon Monday or come to the club to help package the cookies.

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Support welcome for families anytime of year

Bonnie Powell
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. - During the holidays many Americans open their purse strings to help those in need, but the Gift of Groceries and Scholarships for Military Children are programs that can help military families all year round.

Since the Gift of Groceries program began in 2002, the general public has been able to purchase commissary gift certificates to give to military friends and family, as well as purchase and donate to charitable organizations assisting military families. The certificates can be purchased at the Warren Commissary front office, through a link at <http://www.commissaries.com> or by calling 1-877-770-GIFT.

"Donations of commissary gift certificates to worldwide charitable organizations such as the Air Force Aid Society, Fisher House Foundation and the

USO have totaled more than \$200,000 in the last three years," said Patrick Nixon, Chief Executive Officer and Acting Director of the Defense Commissary Agency. That's in addition to the thousands of dollars in gift certificates that have been purchased and donated through installation charities.

"Increasingly, many installation holiday food programs seem to be utilizing commissary gift certificates as well," said Mr. Nixon. "Since the commissary benefit saves shoppers an average of 30 percent or more over commercial grocery stores, the commissary certificates have more buying power."

A valuable military benefit, commissaries provide groceries at cost to military active duty, Guard and Reserve, and retirees at 268 locations worldwide, according to Mr. Nixon.

A recent addition to the gift certificate donation program is Operation Homefront, a nonprofit volunteer organization that assists military

families with emergency needs. Operation Homefront has 31 chapters in the United States and has handled over 20,000 cases since 2002, ranging from car repairs to food assistance. It is affiliated with CinCHouse.com, a nonprofit organization created to help military wives and women in the military manage day-to-day life.

According to Amy Palmer, Executive Vice President of Operation Homefront, commissary gift certificates are a more efficient way for them to help families, giving the families the flexibility to shop for the food they need. More information on Operation Homefront and CinCHouse.com can be found at <http://www.operationhomefront.net> or <http://www.cinchouse.com>.

Commissary gift certificates are made possible through a business agreement with CertifiChecks Inc., at no cost to the federal government. Anyone can buy the certificates, but only authorized commissary shoppers can

spend them. There is a small charge for handling, printing and shipping the certificates.

The general public can also help send outstanding military children to college. The Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded nearly \$4 million in scholarships to about 2,500 students since the program began in 2000. The program administrator, Fisher House Foundation, accepts public donations for scholarships at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. Since program costs are absorbed by Fisher House Foundation, every dollar donated goes to fund the \$1,500 scholarships. Applications and information on eligibility are available online at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment.

*You are cordially invited to attend a ceremony during which
General Lord
will be presented the
"Order of the Sword"*

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*When: 11 Feb 06
Where: Antler's Hilton in Colorado Springs
Cost: \$30 per attendee (Cash and Checks Only)
Uniform: Mess Dress or Semi-Formal*

***For questions and to reserve a seat,
please contact MSgt Yvonne Miller via e-mail or Ext 6668
Money will not be due until 1 Jan 06.**

***Everyone in attendance will receive momentos during the ceremony.
If weather interferes and you are unable to attend, you will still receive the momentos.**

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Second chance: Active-duty father donates kidney to young son

**Airman 1st Class
Stephen Cadette**
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — It's evening, and the Pitman family is playing Candyland in their living room. Devin bounces from the sofa to the gameboard and pulls a card.

"Ice cream!" the blue-eyed boy shouts, and moves his yellow pawn toward the end of the trail.

"My turn," his father says, leaning over the board to pull a card. In two moves, he catches up with Devin, placing his pawn side by side with his son's. They share the same purple square.

But that's not all they share.

Devin and his father, Tech. Sgt. Jeff Pitman of the 533rd Training Squadron, own the same pair of kidneys. Sergeant Pitman donated his kidney to his son Sept. 14.

Devin's condition began in the womb. Urine blocked up in his bladder and dumped into his kidneys. The stagnant urine caused infections, and his kidneys developed poorly. Only 15 percent of his right kidney and 85 percent of his left worked. They wouldn't work for long.

Devin was 3 in May 2003 when he stopped eating. Lori, his mother, brought him to the hospital.

"He's running a fever," the nurse said. "Let's just give him some Tylenol and see how he does."

Lori insisted on the lab work even though the doctor said it wasn't time for another series of tests for Devin.

When the doctor called the Pitmans' home that evening, his voice strained as he told Sergeant Pitman about the results.

"Mr. Pitman, I don't want you to worry," he said, "but your son's test results are really, really bad. His potassium levels are critical. I spent the last hour making arrangements. We need to get him to UCLA immediately."

Devin's life was in danger. His kidneys failed and his body was filling with toxins.

The Pitmans rushed to the Lompoc Emergency Room, where an ambulance took Lori and Devin to the University of California at Los Angeles Children's Medical Center. Sergeant Pitman ran back home, packed up clothes and toiletries and

raced to Los Angeles as he faced the dire need of a kidney transplant for his son.

"I was worried about Devin's future," Sergeant Pitman said. "I simply did not know of anyone who had kidney problems."

He received the reassurance he needed when he met Devin's roommate in the hospital, a 9-year-old girl who received a kidney donation four years earlier.

"Her mother had been living with a transplanted kidney for 18 years and had three children," Sergeant Pitman said. "There's this little girl whose parents have all the answers we've been looking for. They knew what we were going through and what we'd been through. They answered my questions and made me feel better about the whole thing."

Devin's kidneys recovered, but only temporarily. In the fall of 2004, doctors told Sergeant Pitman his son's kidneys had about 12 months left before they would fail again. The Pitmans opted for preemptive surgery, to get a working kidney into their son before his two weak ones failed, risking his life.

Sergeant Pitman resolved to be the kidney donor from the beginning, he said. But would the Air Force let him continue to serve with only one kidney?

He had to submit a package to the Air Force surgeon general to ask permission to donate.

"It was almost a non-issue," he said. "Maybe because of what other people kept telling me, or just that I knew deep down that it was going to happen, I wasn't the slightest bit concerned about it. Shortly after I sent it up, it came back approved."

The Pitman family moved forward with the transplant. It had to happen before Devin's kidneys failed again.

"Lots of times they wait for the kidney to fail before doing the transplant, and we didn't want to do that," the sergeant said.

During the five-and-a-half-hour surgery, doctors cut through Sergeant Pitman's abdominal wall and removed his kidney - the size of a fist. Then they cut into Devin's tiny body, and gave him his father's kidney.

"We were told he would be in the intensive care unit for at least five days and on day two they wanted to move him to the floor," Sergeant



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Jeff Pitman and his son, Devin, play video games during their recoveries from kidney transplant surgeries Sept. 14. Sergeant Pitman is in the 533rd Training Squadron.

Pitman said. "Nobody could ask for a better recovery."

More than nine weeks have passed since Sergeant Pitman gave his kidney to his son. He's back with the 533rd TRS, in his corner cubicle in the back of Bay 1.

"I'm having a little bit of trouble doing 40 sit-ups," he said. "But I can do more push-ups than I could before the operation."

He never even went on a physical profile after returning to work.

Since June, the Pitmans have made several trips back and forth to the UCLA Children's Medical Center. It is the same center Devin has been going to since he was four days old.

"I know a lot of the doctors and nurses there," Sergeant Pitman said. "I also know a lot about the kidney. I've taken it as a personal responsibility to know what's going on, so if something goes wrong, I can catch it."

Devin mirrors his father's absorption of kidney knowledge. He pulls out a chart of the urinary system, and points at the shriveled kidneys on the paper.

"Those are bad kidneys," said the tousle-haired boy. He points to the chart where doctors put his father's kidney inside him and clutches the bottom of his striped T-shirt pulling it up to his collarbone, exposing his round belly. He then points at the scar worming vertically across his

stomach nearly a foot long above his bellybutton.

"He has no inhibitions," Sergeant Pitman said.

Only days after transplant surgery, Devin ran around, exploding with energy. But things aren't completely back to normal yet. Sergeant Pitman has O blood type, and Devin has type A. Devin had to take immune suppressive drugs, weakening his immune system. It's the only way to make sure his body doesn't kill the transplanted kidney. After Devin's body accepts his father's kidney, stopping the immune suppressive drugs would not mean his immune system would ever return to normal.

Devin took his final dose of the immune suppressant Nov. 13, and the doctors lowered his steroid dosage.

The following Saturday, Devin celebrated his fifth birthday.

"He's grown a half inch since the transplant," his father said.

Sergeant Pitman puts Candyland away, and a new game sits on the living room floor. He and Devin sit cross-legged on the carpet, picking yellow plastic ducks from the game board. The object is to get three ducks with the same colored sticker on the bottom. Devin picks his last duck, flips it and holds it up. Devin smiles.

Sergeant Pitman smiles back.

"For some reason," he says, "everyone wins at this game."

'A date which will live in infamy':

Roosevelt's historic speech to Congress captures American spirit

Randy Saunders
50th Space Wing Historian

AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND NEWS SERVICE — Sixty-four years ago, Dec. 8, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt delivered a speech before a joint session of the U.S. Congress urging them to declare war against the Japanese empire. The six-minute long speech—preceded by a surprise offensive by Japanese forces the day before—brought America violently into World War II.

President Roosevelt's speech came on the heels of Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbor, Guam, the Philippines, Wake, Midway Island and British holdings in the Pacific Ocean.

For more than a decade before the attack, America's relations with Japan had been strained. Since the mid-1920s, Japan had been dissatisfied with provisions of the Washington Naval Conferences that set limits on participating countries' ships for military and commercial use. Japan continued its military—especially naval—buildup despite limits on capital shipping set forth in the treaties.

By 1937, the Japanese military

IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ATTACK, MORE THAN 2,400 AMERICANS WERE DEAD, AND 1,100 MORE WERE WOUNDED. FIVE OF EIGHT BATTLESHIPS ANCHORED ALONG BATTLESHIP ROW WERE DESTROYED AND SINKING, AND THE REMAINING THREE WERE DAMAGED.

was deeply involved in a war of aggression against China and desperately needed oil and other raw materials to support that conflict. Western nations gradually curtailed commercial access to these resources as the war continued. In July 1941, the Western powers effectively halted trade with Japan, virtually eliminating Japan's legitimate access to oil and raw materials.

By November 1941, war with Japan seemed inevitable, though diplomatic contact and negotiations continued. Most American planners and strategists believed military confrontation with Japan would erupt in the Philippines and other areas of the Western Pacific based on decoded diplomatic messages intercepted by

American forces.

Contrary to that intelligence, at 7:02 a.m. Dec. 7, two signal corps privates operating a mobile air warning set at Opana on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, picked up a large flight of aircraft approaching from the north. The Soldiers tracked the aircraft for 130 miles but lost them near the coast.

At 7:55 a.m., the planes launched simultaneous attacks on Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field, culminating months of training and planning. Ninety minutes later, Japanese forces had successfully conducted one of the most devastating attacks on the United States in contemporary history.

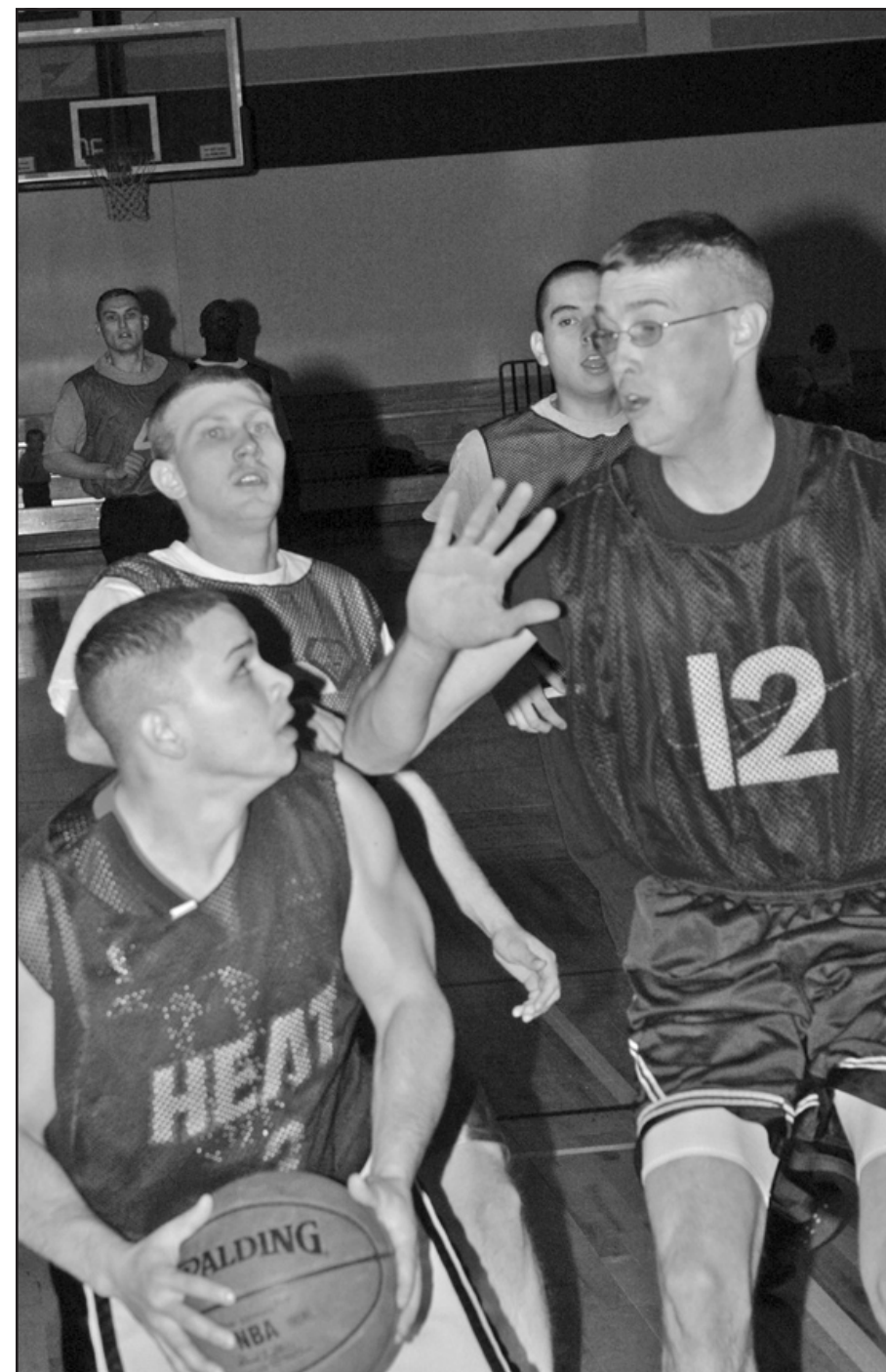
In the aftermath of the attack, more than 2,400 Americans were dead, and 1,100 more were wound-

ed. Five of eight battleships anchored along Battleship Row were destroyed and sinking, and the remaining three were damaged. Nearly all of the combat aircraft at Hickam Field had been destroyed or damaged.

By a nearly unanimous margin, Congress passed a resolution declaring war against the Imperial Government of Japan Dec. 8 at approximately 4 p.m.—less than four hours after President Roosevelt's address. Within days, the United States also declared war on Japan's axis partners, Germany and Italy, and began the largest military buildup and mobilization in history.

The American public, which for the most part had opposed entering the war before Dec. 7, came together to support the war after the Japanese attacks. While the former president could not foresee the more recent attacks of September 11, President Roosevelt's speech captured a tenacity and determination that rings just as true today: "We will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make it very certain that this form of treachery shall never again endanger us."

90th Ops B upends 90th MSFS 48 to 43

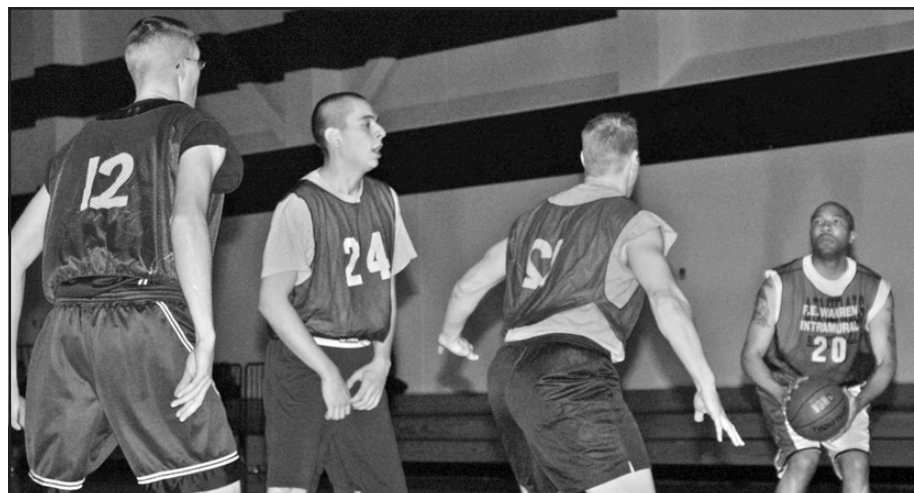


Photos by Tech. Sgt. Steven Goetsch

Airman 1st Class Victor Sanes, 90th Missile Security Forces Squadron, attempts to drive to the basket past the defense of Airman Kenneth Rexwinkle, 320th Missile Squadron.



Second Lt. Shaen Gutzman, 320th Missile Squadron, posts up Staff Sgt. Charles King, 90th Missile Security Forces Squadron, during their intramural matchup Monday.



Staff Sgt. Charles King, 90th Missile Security Forces Squadron, pulls up from three-point land during intramural action Monday night.

Air Force sets physical training uniform wear date

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- The Air Force Uniform Board established an Oct. 1, 2006, mandatory wear date of the physical training uniform, or PTU, for unit fitness activities.

The board also released additional guidance for Airmen wearing the uniform for personal workouts.

Airmen may wear the PTU during personal workouts given the following conditions:

- T-shirts may be worn

- out or tucked in.

- Jackets may be zipped, unzipped and worn with civilian clothes.

- Black or navy blue leggings or stretch shorts may be worn under the uniform shorts.

- White socks of any length and small conservative trademarks are authorized.

- Any athletic shoes may be worn

- Safety items such as reflective belts, camelbacks and fanny packs are authorized

- Hats or knit caps are authorized provided they meet military image requirements

- Headphones are still authorized

- Bandanas and other similar head scarves are not authorized unless Airmen have a medical waiver

- Saluting is not required.

All Airmen must comply with tattoo and jewelry standards as stated in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal

Appearance of Air Force Personnel.

Female Airmen exercising in the PTU may wear their hair free of pins or other accessories normally required to meet uniform standards. Also, there is no mandated maternity uniform while participating in formations or unit activities.

The Air Force created the PTU to support unit cohesion and present a professional, standardized image.

Commanders will deter-

mine what uniform items - which consist of a jacket, pants, shorts and T-shirt -- Airmen will wear during unit fitness events.

The uniform board is working on optional items including a long-sleeve shirt, sweatshirt and another style of running shorts.

For more information, Airmen should contact their commander's support staff, military personnel flight or personnel office at deployed locations.

India native turns 90th MDG award winner

Senior Airman Muneeb Mohammed, 90th Medical Operations Squadron dental laboratory apprentice, sat down with Airman 1st Class Brandy Holcepl, 90th Space Wing, to discuss his accomplishments in the Air Force as well as his work and co-workers.

Where are you from?

I am from Houston, Texas, but I was born in India and grew up over there.

Is home different from here?

Yes, cultures do make a lot of difference. I am proud to be here today as a part of Warren.

When and why did you join the military?

I joined the military in January 2004 for further education.

What are your career goals?

My future career goal is to be an officer as a dentist.

What is your job like?

I am a workaholic and the dental clinic gets 90 to 100 patients everyday, including the Army and Guard. A bad day would be when patients don't show up for their appointments and a good day for me would be a real challenging one when patients show up a couple of days before deployment. That is when I get to stay late with dentists and fabricate the prosthesis required in those couple of days and make the patient happy and deployable, thereby supporting the 90th Space Wing mission. Hooah!

If you could change your job, what would it be?

I don't think I would like to change my job; and if I did, I would at least like to still be part of the 90th Medical Group. We are like family and I get to see everyone almost every day. I think our squadron commander, Lt. Col. (Gerald) Wiest is doing an awesome job every day to support the mission. These are the kind of people that I would like to work under and follow even after they PCS. Hats off to you all.

What kind of an education did you get before you joined the military?

I have a bachelors in electronics from Indian University and my credits are being evaluated



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brandy Holcepl

Senior Airman Muneeb Mohammed, 90th Medical Operations Squadron, plans and coordinates a patient's jaw relationship before making veneers Nov. 30.

and I should have my CCAF degree soon.

What is the most important thing you have learned from being in the military?

Discipline, core values and to be professional on and off base.

Is there anywhere you would like to be stationed?

Yes, I would like to go to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, because it is near my home and I am used to living in the South. I had never seen snow in my life before I got here and Warren welcomed me with a pretty good snow storm last January. I couldn't see anything on my first day, not the sidewalk, not the streets, just snow all over; all I knew was that I was walking on Earth with the sky above me.

Have you won any awards?

Yes, first I would like to thank

God for everything I have won. I made senior airman below the zone, I was the number one selectee for the base. I have also won the Airman of the Quarter, Top Five Performer Award, two squadron excellence awards for teamwork and attitude, and the Command Chief Master Sergeant's Professionalism Award at FTAC, and a couple of others at tech. school last year.

Why do you think you made senior airman below the zone?

Because I am very disciplined with my goals and very focused on being the best I can be. I have also had great leaders and mentors like Master Sgt. (Lee) Lannen (my supervisor) who constantly pushes me to be the best that I can. They even wrote a letter to my parents telling them about all my accomplishments; that was cool. Also, I like to thank my parents for raising me up in the best way, and no

matter how far I am from them, I love them so much.

How did you feel when you were selected for senior airman below the zone?

It was a great honor to be selected. For me, more stripes means more duties and responsibilities and of course more pay. Also, I don't think every airman first class gets a senior non-commissioned officer as their supervisor coming out of tech. school and I think that is where I am lucky. I got to learn a lot about their experiences.

What do you do in your spare time?

I play soccer on and off base, I play my Playstation 2 online, and get on the Internet or do some artistic work.

Do you enjoy volunteer work?

Yes, I do. It's fun. I feel it's like a helping hand to those wonderful programs that are run on and off base for the people. My favorite volunteer work was when I volunteered for Airman Against Drunk Driving on Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. I was awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal by my commander.

What is your favorite kind of music?

I did not have any favorite music, I just like everything, but after coming to Cheyenne, it looks like country music has become my favorite.

What is your favorite food?

Everything my mom cooks for me. I miss her a lot.

What is your favorite season?

My favorite season was winter, since I used to live in the South. But since I got here, I think summer is my favorite season now. Cheyenne is too cold for someone like me and these winds over here freak me out.

What is your favorite sport?

On the field, I like soccer and cricket, and on television, every sport is my favorite. I just don't like F1 (formula 1) racing. It's so boring. It just looks like the cars are doing War-Fit instead of the men, and it just goes on forever and ever.

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Teen Lock-N

Teens ages 13 to 18 are invited to the new teen center at Fall Hall from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. today and Saturday for a Lock-N. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Karaoke, dance contests, Playstation 2 tournament, pool and ping pong tournaments, movies, team building games and more will be available.

For more information, call 773-2564.

Safety orientation class

The wood skills center is offering a free wood safety class 5 to 7 p.m. Monday. This class is a prerequisite for using the tools at the wood skills center.

For more information, call 773-3166.

Ski Eldora

Outdoor recreation is hosting a ski trip to Eldora Saturday. Day passes are \$35 for active duty members and their families. ODR will provide transportation for a cost of \$15 with no additional charge for equipment rental. The

trip departs ODR at 6 a.m. and returns approximately 6 p.m.

For more information, call ODR at 773-2988.

Snowshoeing trip

Outdoor recreation is hosting a snowshoeing trip Dec. 17. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 for a family of four. Sign up early for best snowshoe fitting choices. For more information, call ODR at 773-2988.

Holiday Golf Course Pro Shop sale

Items at the Warren Golf Course Pro Shop will be up to 20 percent off 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Buy one item, save 10 percent, buy two items, save 15 percent, and buy three items, save 20 percent.

For more information, call 773-3556.

Kempo Karate School

The Warren Youth Center now hosts Kempo Karate School for ages 4 through adult.

For information, call the youth center at 773-2564.

The Spa at the Aquatic Center

The Spa at the Aquatic Center offers massage therapy, hot stone massage, couples massage, body wrap, sugar scrub, facial mask/reflex session, ear candling and airbrush tanning.

For more information, call 773-3195.

Water aerobics class

Water aerobics offers a low impact cardio workout. Sessions are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The session is \$3 or save with a \$30 punch card for 15 sessions. The first class is free.

For more information, call the aquatic center at 773-3195.

Family special

Swim on Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. Pay no more than \$10 for the entire family. Immediate family members only.

Auto skills center special

Save \$10 on a cooling system flush during December.

Call 773-3869 for an appointment.

Call or stop by the Warren Auto Skills Center in December to purchase a pre-programmed wash card and an additional \$5 will be added.

Ceramics class

Santa Claus is coming to the Warren Multi Crafts Center Saturday. Join the Gingerbread Boys and Girls painting class from 1 to 3 p.m. This \$10 class is limited to 12 students.

Boxing exhibition

A free boxing exhibition is scheduled for 7 p.m., Saturday at Fall Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 773-2944 or 773-3511.

Youth ballet lessons

Learn ballet every Tuesday at the youth center. Pre ballet begins at 9:30 a.m. and beginning ballet begins at 4 p.m. The classes are \$30 per month for the first student and \$25 for additional siblings.

For more information,

call the youth center at 773-2564.

Family Day

Every Sunday is Family Day at Chadwell Dining Facility. All active-duty members may bring their family members with military ID cards to dine at Chadwell, noon to 1 p.m.

Also invited are family members of the deployed.

For more information, call 773-3838.

Children's story time

Story hour is held every Friday at 11 a.m. at the base library.

Today: Hanukkah
Dec 16: Beethoven's Birthday

Dec 23: Christmas
Dec 30: Kwanzaa
For more information, call 773-3416.

Xtreme Bowling

Xtreme Bowling is held Fridays from 9:30 to 11 p.m., and Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$7.50 per lane/per hour.

For more information, call 773-2210.



Photo by Lorri Welsh

CLUB SUCCESS

Michael Peterson, Trail's End Club Chief Carver, serves a plate of carved ham to Capt. Sean Boles, 20th Air Force, Dec. 2 during the membership party. The membership drive lasted three months and succeeded in gaining 89 new members, 119 percent of the goal of 75. Ten squadrons also met their membership goal to qualify for the club party credit drawings. The winners were the 37th Helicopter Squadron with a \$100 credit, the 90th Services Squadron with \$200 and the 90th Comptroller Squadron with a \$300 credit. Capt. Todd Sharpe, 320th Missile Squadron won a \$250 club credit. Staff Sgt. Doug Dallman, 90th Missile Maintenance Squadron won the \$1,000 jackpot.

Education center briefs

Squadron education briefing: Would you like to have a representative from the Education Center come to your squadron to provide information and handouts on the educational benefits and programs available at Warren? Our education counselor and advisors are available to speak at commander's calls, staff meetings or training sessions. Call the education center at 773-02117 for more information.

Attention officers: Did you know that as an Air Force officer you are responsible for contacting the Air Force Institute of Technology to upgrade your education level on your records? You can contact AFIT by mail at: AFIT/SCIB, 2950 P Street, Wright Patterson AFB, OH, 45433-7765. To contact AFIT by phone, call DSN 785-6234, commercially (937) 255-6234 or toll-free 1-800-211-5097.

Online tuition assistance: Do you plan on using Air Force tuition assistance in fiscal year 2006? The Air Force Education Community has announced that Air Force members will begin completing requests for tuition assistance online through the Air Force Portal and the Virtual Education Center. For more information, contact the education center at 773-2117.

Commissioning workshop: Are you active duty enlisted and interested in becoming a commissioned officer? The Warren Education Center is presenting a commissioning workshop at 2 p.m. Tuesday, in Room 24 of the education center. Presentations will include Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps programs, Officer Training School and the Air Force Academy. If you are interested in learning more about commissioning programs, call the education center to pre-register for this workshop at 773-2117.

WARREN VETERINARY CLINIC'S NEW HOURS

MONDAY: 8 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
TUESDAY: 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M. CLOSED NOON TO 1 P.M.
WEDNESDAY: 8 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
THURSDAY: 2 TO 7 P.M.
FRIDAY: 8 A.M. TO NOON
SATURDAY: BY APPOINTMENT

The Veterinary Treatment Facility was recently advertised to support DoD civilians. However, the advertisement should have read the VTF services active duty servicemembers, retirees, and members of the National Guard and Reserve who are on active duty.

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